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SCREENING DOES NOT STOP AFTER VISA HAS BEEN ISSUED, WARNS U.S. EMBASSY

The US embassy in India on Saturday said that visa screening is an ongoing process and warned American visa holders against violating US laws

VISA CAN BE REVOKED, VIOLATORS DEPORTED

In a strongly worded warning, issued through the New Delhi-based US embassy's X handle, the diplomatic mission said that if visa holders don't follow US laws, then their visas can be revoked and they can be deported. The latest warning came a day after the embassy said that "falsifying or omitting information can lead to visa denial and future visa ineligibility"

MUST DISCLOSE SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

- On Friday, through a detailed video, the US embassy had sought student and exchange programme applicants to list all social media handles used in the past five years on their DS-160 visa forms
- "If you omit your social media information, it could lead to a visa denial, and you might become ineligible for future visas," it said

JUNE 19

AN EARLIER EMBASSY ADVISORY TERMED AMERICAN VISA 'A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT'

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IIM-C RAPE CASE

Student sent to police custody till July 19

KAUSHIK PRADHAN @ Kolkata

A Calcutta court on Saturday remanded a student of the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIM-C), arrested in connection with a rape case, in police custody till July 19.

According to sources, police arrested the student based on a complaint by a woman, a clinical psychologist by profession. The woman was allegedly called to the IIM-C boys hostel on Friday for a counselling session. She was allegedly given pizza mixed with drugs and fell unconscious. She later realised she was raped, sources said.

The woman went to Thakurpukur police station to file a complaint but she was directed to Haridevpur station, which has jurisdiction over IIM-C.

However, in a new twist, the woman's father later said that his daughter was not raped and that she filed a police complaint "by force", without explaining what it meant.

"The incident is being investigated by police. I can't comment on anything now," Saibal Chattopadhyay, IIM-C director-in-charge, told this paper.

EXPRESS READ

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BUREAU'S REPORT TRIGGERS SPECULATION ABOUT PILOT ERROR

Whodunit: Fuel cut after 3 secs in air

FATEFUL 26 SECONDS

01:38:39 pm Air India 171 lifts off

01:38:42 pm Maximum recorded airspeed of 180 Knots

Immediately thereafter, the Engine 1 and 2 fuel cutoff switches transition from RUN to CUTOFF position one after another within 1 sec

One of the pilots heard on the cockpit voice recorder asking the other why did he cutoff the engines. The other says he didn't

01:38:47 pm Ram Air Turbine gets deployed during initial climb immediately after liftoff as engines lose power

01:38:52 pm Engine 1 fuel cutoff switch transitions from CUTOFF to RUN

01:38:54 pm Engine 1 fuel inlet door begins to open

01:38:56 pm Engine 2 fuel cutoff switch transitions from CUTOFF to RUN

Engine 1's core deceleration stops, reverses, starts progress to recovery

Engine 2 relights but could not arrest core speed deceleration; re-introduces fuel repeatedly to increase core speed acceleration and recovery

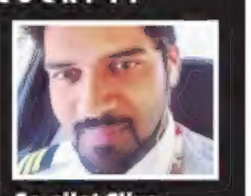
01:39:05 pm One pilots transmits "MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY" call. Plane crashes into a building

No significant bird activity observed in the vicinity

ENGINE FUEL SWITCH L AND R Location of engine fuel switches in a Dreamliner. They were inexplicably shut 3 secs after liftoff in the ill-fated AI 171

IN THE COCKPIT

Capt Sumeet Sabharwal , 56, with 30 years of experience at AI. Had 15,638 flying hours, including 8,596 hrs on Boeing 787



Co-pilot Clive Kunder, 32, had 3,403 hours of total experience, with 1,128 on Dreamliner. Was flying AI 171 under Sabharwal's watch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A month after a horrific Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad killed 260 people, including 19 non-passengers, a preliminary report released by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau in the wee hours of Saturday indicated possible human error as fuel supply to both the engines of the aircraft was stopped just three seconds after takeoff. The two fuel cut-off switches were activated to the CUT OFF mode within a gap of a second, resulting in engine deceleration and plane crash though the fuel switches were subsequently switched back to RUN.

However, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu urged people not to jump to conclusions on the role of pilots in the plane crash, as there are multiple things that need to be looked into before preparing the final investigation report.

The 15-page report says the aircraft "achieved the maximum recorded air speed of 180 knots at 1.38 pm and immediately thereafter, the Engine 1 and Engine 2 fuel cutoff switches transitioned from RUN to CUT OFF position one after another with a time gap of 01 sec. The Engine N1 and N2 began to decrease from their takeoff values as the fuel supply to the engines was cut off," it said.

The fuel cut-off appears to have shocked one of the pilots. "In the cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why did he cutoff. The other pilot responded that he did not do so," the report states.

There was, however, no clarity on the identity of the pilot who asked and the one who responded.

How the fuel switches could have flipped if no one in the cockpit took ownership for it, was also not clear.

The Convention on International Civil Aviation Organization and Rule 3 of Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents), Rules 2017 mandate a preminary report on air accidents be filed within one month and final report within a year.

The preliminary report said no significant bird activity was observed in the vicinity of the flight path, nor was there any quality issue with the aviation fuel.

It was the cockpit voice recorder, the black box housed in the cockpit, that gave the investigators a sense of was what happened during the crucial seconds leading to the crash. Data from the second black box housed in the tail of the Dreamliner is yet to be retrieved as it has been badly damaged.

The Airline Pilots' Association of India alleged the report was biased, saying the probe "is being driven in a direction presuming the guilt of pilots". P9

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2 MRPL staffers die after inhaling toxic gas

MANGALURU: Two field operators in the Oil Movement Area at MRPL reportedly died of inhaling H_2S gas following a leakage in the unit on Saturday. The deceased workers are Deep Chandra from Prayagraj, and Bijil Prasad from Kerala, both aged 33 | P7

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TO LEAVE ISS ON JULY 14

The Axiom-4 Mission's crew in its Dragon Spacecraft are expected to splash down on July 15 off the coast of California | P7

RRI develops sleek, portable MRI machine

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN a breakthrough that could shrink brain-scanning MRI-like machines from room-sized setups to something that may fit anywhere, scientists at Raman Research Institute (RRI) have developed a compact magnetometer that can detect magnetic fields with extreme precision even in noisy, real-world environments.

This innovation could offer a quieter, portable, and more affordable alternative to MRI-like scans, especially in smaller clinics, mobile units, or rural healthcare settings. MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) works by detecting tiny magnetic signals from inside the human body, especially the brain. These signals are incredibly weak, which is why MRI machines need heavy shielding and "ultra silent" rooms. But the new device does not need any of that. It's a fully optical, shield-free magnetometer — a small, light-based tool that can sense magnetic fields in noisy, real-world settings like clinics, outdoor sites, or even spacecraft. P7

Russian woman found living with 2 kids in Gokarna cave

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S @ Gokarna (Uttara Kannada)

Police personnel confront Russian woman Nina Kutina, who lived with her children in a cave in Gokarna | EXPRESS

THE Gokarna police found a 40-year-old Russian woman, living with her two daughters inside a cave infested with lizards and snakes, in the forests of Gokarna in Uttara Kannada recently.

Though her visa had expired in 2018, she had continued to stay in the country. When the police found her, she insisted that she be allowed to continue to stay as she loved India.

On Tuesday, the police from far away saw human presence in a cave amid the mountains of Ramatheertha, half-a-kilometre away from Gokarna. A police team went up to the cave, despite it being a difficult climb, and found a muddy track through the thick forest cover. The track led to the cave, where the police were greeted by clothes put out to dry, wet mats on the ground and flower decorations. Snakes were slithering around, human footprints were visible, while there were hoof marks too, probably of wild boars. P7

We've referred them to Foreigners Regional Registration Office in B'luru
Sridhar, SHO, Gokarna police station

DUKES IN FOCUS

Ball change to using buffalo hide in India

FIROZ MIRZA @ London

KL Rahul celebrates second hundred of series against England on Saturday | AFP

JUST like the centuries of KL Rahul and Joe Root, even the Dukes balls used during the Test series were in the news.

They were changed twice on Friday — once when the new ball was taken after 80 overs and was only 63 balls old and the second time when the replacement ball was booted only 48 balls later. It was changed once on Saturday. It made Root to propose a limit to ball change. "I personally think that if you want to keep getting the ball changed then each team gets three challenges every 80 overs and that's it," he said on Friday. Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah added a new dimension to it when he said excessive hot and dry weather could be one of the reasons.

Incidentally, Dilip Jajodia, the manufacturer of the Dukes ball, termed dry weather as one possible reason. The material used to make the balls too was in focus. Jajodia said they have been using hide of Scottish cows in England however, in their India operations, because of religious reasons they shifted to buffalo hide.

"Buffalo hide is used in India instead of cow. The leather is local. You know the religious aspect. It is unfortunate because what we are using from a cow is a waste product," he said. P13

INDIA IN COMMAND

KL Rahul scores a hundred as India batters take control of the first innings on a placid Lord's wicket on Saturday. Rishabh Pant and Jadeja chip in with half-centuries as visitors look all set to go ease past England and put in a healthy score

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